

WILLIAMS, DIMOND & CO., ON THE SUGAR INDUSTRY

Following is an extract from Williams, Dimond & Co.'s current circular:

The most pronounced feature of the situation which, taken in conjunction with the firmness and activity displayed in refined, thereby bringing to the attention of refiners a full realization of the necessity of entering the market in order to replenish stocks, has been the widely felt drouth in Europe to the extent of causing an appreciable decrease in the output of the growing beet crop, which according to a preliminary forecast of Mr. Licht will reach ten per cent in Germany and fifteen per cent in Austria, foreshadowing a reduction in yield of 350,000 tons of sugar which, in addition to the expected shortage of 380,000 tons because of less sowings, makes the problem of next year's supplies a very serious one. Latest cable advices from Europe report that the beet crop prospects are becoming more favorable, but even continued good weather from this time on can hardly repair a part of the damage already done. It is rather premature to estimate with any degree of accuracy the world's supplies of sugar for the next campaign, since weather conditions and other unforeseen factors may change results materially, but since the question is of vital importance to the trade it may be of interest to know the views of Messrs. Willet & Gray on the subject. They are of the opinion that the new cane crops will show an increase in some countries, but a smaller production is already indicated in other countries; therefore, a fair estimate, at this early date, will be a net increase of 200,000 tons in the cane crop next season, or a total of 4,500,000 tons. American beet crop is estimated at 185,000 tons. European beet crop should give a reduced yield of 380,000 tons, because of 61-2 per cent. less sowings and if Mr. Licht is correct in his estimate of damage by drouth to extent of 10 per cent. in Germany and 15 per cent. in Austria, a further reduction of 350,000 tons may be shown giving promise of a total crop of 5,120,000 tons in Europe. The world's production for 1904-5 may then amount to only 9,805,000 tons against 10,363,473 tons this season.

One of the most powerful factors in the creation of existing conditions, to which we have called attention previously, is the steady and apparently normal increase in consumption in European countries since the abolition of bounties. The abolition of the bounty system was followed by a reduction in price thereby bringing sugar within the reach of an entirely new class of consumers, and under normal conditions consumption should continue to increase nevertheless, it is well to remember that present high prices which throughout the period under consideration have exhibited an upward tendency, are likely to restrict the consumption in Europe and further advances may cause buyers to draw on invisible supplies. The situation is certainly an interesting one and the general scarcity of available supplies of sugar at this juncture has tended to bring about a ready absorption of Javas where offerings now are limited to a few September cargoes. Additional purchases by our refiners to some extent have been made of European beets. In Cuba which has ceased for the present to exert any considerable influence on the situation, there are only 82,500 tons stock in the island and taking into consideration the quantity already in course of shipment it is estimated that there are left but 40,000 tons available for distribution in the United States. The weather conditions there are favorable for the growing crop.

FROM COAST TO ISLANDS BY NAVAL WIRELESS TELEGRAPH

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 7.—The announcement that the Navy Department is preparing to erect and equip a long-distance wireless telegraph station at Farallon islands has aroused great interest, not only in naval circles, but among Pacific coast shippers. The station is already under way of construction, and when it is completed it will be possible to transmit messages for more than 1,000 miles in any direction. Naturally the opportunity to signal and converse with ships 1,000 miles distant will be the principal advantage of the new station. How much farther the instruments will transmit than the distance named remains for experiment to show. The Eastern manufacturers who are making the instruments guarantee them to transmit 1,000 miles at least.

The new station is to be located at the Southeast Farallon, a distance of about thirty miles from the Goat Island station and 2,180 miles from Honolulu. The mast for the new station has been completed and now lies in the Mare island construction yard awaiting orders which will send it to the islands. This will probably be when the instruments are completed and forwarded from the East.

The Farallon station will be the only one of its kind on the Pacific coast. Heretofore the longest transmission of messages by Western stations has been less than 100 miles. The new instruments will be duplicates of those now used between San Juan and Panama, a distance of 1,000 miles. Not only will the new station be of great benefit to the navy in time of war, but it will in the future be of great assistance to the merchant liners. Marine experts say that the day will come when all merchant ships will be fitted with wireless ships apparatus. In this event wrecked vessels or ships in any way distressed within 1,000 miles of the Farallon islands may telegraph for assistance. Delayed ships may explain the cause of their tardiness while whole days from port.

The possibilities of a long-distance station on the Pacific Coast seem unlimited. There are experts who state that the difference in climatic conditions on this coast will enable the transmission of much longer distance messages than on the Atlantic side. In fact it would seem that the dream of General Oscar F. Long, formerly in charge of the Pacific transport service, is about to be realized. Two years ago General Long hit upon the idea of

HAWAII AND THE ANTI-IMPERIALISTS

The following is a leading article from the New York Tribune:

Governor Carter of Hawaii furnishes The New-York Evening Post a text for a characteristic diatribe against its country. It rejoices to think that American citizenship may be a curse instead of a blessing. Governor Carter, in an interview at Sacramento, said: "The annexation of the islands to the United States has not been a commercial success, so far as the islands are concerned." This was because the laws were not suited to conditions in the islands. The United States land laws were in force there, and crops could not be profitably grown under the short term leases permitted by them. Consequently the revenues from the government lands were small. He also declared:

"Annexation has cut off all our internal revenue. On the other hand, from Uncle Sam's point of view, annexation has been a decided success. Over \$6,250,000 has been paid into the United States Treasury from the islands. The whole cost of annexation was only \$4,000."

This brings much joy to The Post, which doesn't seem able to remember its own immutable principles, and in great glee over the troubles of the Hawaiians it shouts:

"This shows that a clever business head Uncle Sam has. As a federal official it is Governor Carter's business to consider his employer's interests first. Furthermore, if he goes on talking that way he will encourage the Home Rule party, which is foolishly enough demanding Statehood and all the privileges of a State. Just as if we could give to them what we are denying to Porto Rico and other Territories! Really, that great and warmly admired friend of the Governor who sits in the White House ought to take George Carter in hand. What! admit in a Presidential campaign that our first plunge into expansion is a dead failure from the point of view of those upon whom has been conferred the highest honor ever bestowed upon man, the grand blessing of the civilized world can offer—American citizenship?"

Indeed it shows what a foolish head The Evening Post has. American citizenship for islanders was its pet hobby. The Hawaiian trouble is due to the policy which it and the rest of the anti-imperialists have been demanding—the inclusion of our outlying possessions within our domestic system. It howled like mad that we must make the islanders American citizens, extend to them our tariff laws and put them on the same basis as our continental Territories. In the name of liberty and the Declaration of Independence and Plymouth Rock and Faneuil Hall, it tore passions to tatters over the proposition to govern Porto Rico as a separate estate, with its own revenue laws, and predicted the crumbling of the whole structure of constitutional government if the Supreme Court allowed such an "outrage." And now the silly old scold is cackling with glee over the bad results of the very policy which it wanted to drive "Emperor McKinley" and the Republican "despots" into utter darkness for not applying in Porto Rico and the Philippines. What Governor Carter says has happened in Hawaii is just what Republicans said would happen in Porto Rico and the Philippines if the sentimental notions of the anti-imperialists were followed. The laws in force here are not adapted to the islands, and the attempt to govern them as an integral part of the nation, under a uniform system of laws, results in hardship.

When Hawaii was annexed this was not well understood. It had so long been under American influence and enjoyed trade reciprocity that complete incorporation seemed a natural transition. The Hawaiians wanted it, and anything else would have been denounced at home as "tyranny," just as it was a little later when the need of special provision for Spanish islands utterly unfitted to our laws and methods of government was realized. Accordingly, Hawaii was incorporated into the Union as a Territory, following the precedent of what Democratic platforms call "Democratic expansion" as contrasted with "Republican imperialism." It was brought under the Constitution, and the uniform revenue law clause of that instrument applies there. What is the result? Why, the islands are deprived of their internal revenues, just as The Evening Post insisted that Porto Rico should be, as it must under the Constitution, the customs duties on foreign commerce and the same internal revenue taxes that it collects in New-York. Of course this is hard on Hawaii. It is the price it pays for the Constitution and freedom from "tyranny." It would be better off as one of those "subject provinces" so detested by The Evening Post which are generously allowed to pay no federal internal taxes, but to reserve that source of income for their own local government. What we are denying Porto Rico and other outlying territories is just exactly what burdens Hawaii, and Statehood would not improve the situation. The drain of the federal Treasury would continue.

Governor Carter's statement is a perfect demonstration of the folly of the anti-imperialism demands for the incorporation into the Union of the outlying possessions, but The Evening Post is so rattled and anxious to throw any old

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